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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of:

Rajugopal R. Gubbi

Examiner: Patel, Ajit

Application No.: 09/293,493<sup>2</sup>

Art Group: 2662

Filing Date: April 15, 1999

For: PROTOCOL EXTENSION SCHEME FOR WIRE  
COMPUTER NETWORKS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2001, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The rejection of the present claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) reflects a basic misunderstanding of the claim language and the header description taught by Yoshida, U.S. Patent NO. 5,570,365. Because Yoshida fails to teach or suggest the features found in the present claims, all of the present claims are patentable over Yoshida and the present rejections are, therefore, respectfully traversed.

Yoshida describes packets which are made up of a MAC header 20, an IP header 21, and a TCP header 22. The total description of the various fields in these headers is provided at col. 2, ll. 26-50. Importantly, nowhere does Yoshida indicate or even suggest that these fields are anything but conventional in nature. For example, nowhere does Yoshida suggest that any of these headers includes a field which may be used to indicate changes to field values and/or

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